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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF SOVIET TOURISM DELEGATION

USDOC FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHBURN AND BEWT/USSR

REF: WASHBURN - NILES LETTER, NOVEMBER 14, 1974

1. AFTER LONG DELAY, ZAVORIN OF INTORUIST INFORMED
COMMERICAL ATTACHE JAUARY 6 THAT IN SOVIET VIEW
VISIT OF SOVIET TOURISM DELEGATION TO U.S. IN RETURN
FOR VISIT OF U.S. DELEGATION HEADED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHBURN SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1975, AND NOT
BEGINNING MARCH 15 AS PROPOSED BY U.S. ZAVORIN
SAID TELEGRAM TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN SENT TO SOVIET TRADE
REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO AND
APOLOGIZED FOR FAILING TO INFORM COMMOFF OF SOIVJET DECISION.
IN EXPLAINING SOVIET DECISION, ZAVORIN SAID THAT
SITUATION DID NOT APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY URGENT TO JUSTIFY
MARCH TIMING.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE FAC THAT DURING THE SEPTEMBER 1974
TOURISM DISCUSSION THE SOVIETS STRESSED THE NEED TO MOVE
AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOVIET
TOURISM FACILITIES, THEIR RELAXED APPROACH AT PRESENT IS SOME-
WHAT SURPRISING. HOWEVER, IF THE SOVIETS ARE NO MORE PREPARED
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TODAY THAN THEY WERE LAST SEPTMEBER TO GIVE U.S. HOTEL COMPANIES

A MANAGEMENT ROLE IN NEW HOTELS CONSTRUCTED IN THE USSR, THEIR
DESIRE TO POSTPONE THE NEXT HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSION OF TOURISM
COOPERATION IS UNDERSTANDABLE.
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